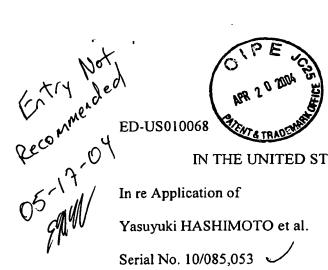
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page two (2) of this paper. Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 11-14, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 24-31 are pending, with claims 1 and 11 being the only independent claims.

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